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General Boykin's Comments Spark Controversy

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Wheat Visiting Professor of Leadership Lt. General Gerald Boykin (ret.) has come under scrutiny for recent statements, prompting a movement from members of the Hampden-Sydney College community to dissociate themselves from Gen. Boykin.

On March 8th, a CNS News article reported on a statement that Gen. Boykin made when he was speaking at The Awakening 2016 Conference,

an Orlando, Florida event featuring religious and political speakers. Gen. Boykin was recorded stating "Where is the Christian world today? Where are the Christians of America today? They should be flocking to people like Kim Davis." Kim Davis was a county clerk in Rowan, Kentucky who refused to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. Gen. Boykin continued, saying that "They should be flocking to the city council and say, 'No, you're not going to let a man go in my daughter's bathroom just because he feels like a man today.' Where are the Christians that are standing up to this kind of evil? And I've already

said, and somebody will be recording this and this'll be on YouTube before it's all over with. But I will tell you what: the first man that walks in my daughter's bathroom, he ain't going to have to worry about the surgery."

Gen. Boykin's statements prompted a reply by two alumni, Demas Boudreaux '02 and Jeffrey A. Harris '90, to form a sign-on letter that circulated among the students, faculty, and alumni of Hampden-Sydney. The letter addressed Gen. Boykin's current statement, while also going on to say that he has, in the past, made actions that have committed him to be unfit to represent Hampden-Sydney. The

letter boldly states that, "The College should dissociate itself from General Boykin. He has caused enough harm, not only to LGBT students and alumni (whether out or closeted), but also to the College's brand and reputation in the wider world." Over one hundred and thirty signatures were acquired from students, alumni, and faculty of Hampden-Sydney College. The accumulated signatures and accompanying letter were sent to Interim President Stevens, M. Peebles Harrison, Esq. '89, Chair of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Lee King '94, Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

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Gen. Boykin. Photo Credit: CNS News

Rhetoric Students Fix "Wicked Problems" on Campus

David Bushhouse '19
Staff Writer

As the semester comes to a close, the students of Dr. Claire Deal's Rhetoric 310 class are finishing their semester-long projects to build community and improve the campus of Hampden-Sydney. Dr. Deal presented her students with a challenge: come up with an idea to fix a "wicked problem" facing our campus.

"She asked for something we were

invested in," described Ryan Peevey, a Rhetoric 310 student, "and everyone had a personal story that connected with what they were personally worried about." Peevey's group put together the Campus Community Conversation, a roundtable-style discussion of various issues held in Snyder Hall earlier this month. One of the other group members, Houston Wilson, spearheaded the discussion of "negative branding and negative stereotypes about our college," a topic he said was "dear to my heart." Other topics included financial aid and the college's curricula.

Another group made up entirely

of students involved with the Student Justice System worked to host the Crochet with the Court event earlier this month. Group member and Student Court Justice Bobby George said the group chose their topic to address misunderstandings about "why the court operates the way that it does," including "trying to bring together the entire student justice system instead of just the student court, since there are way more students that do the leg work—justices are just the deciders."

The third group honed in on the Wellness Center's counseling services. Rollie Edwards told me "the purpose of the project was to promote a stron-

ger Hampden-Sydney community to bring together our community as a show of support for those with mental illnesses and to help destigmatize the Wellness Center and the treatment of mental health disorders." This project was especially important for Edwards, who told me that multiple members of his group had suffered from mental illness, and that since he spoke about destigmatizing mental illness in his Public Speaking class last semester, this project was "just a continuation of the topic—a topic I'm pretty passionate about."

In carrying out their projects, students had to learn to navigate H-SC

administration in order to get everything approved by the appropriate parties. "It was actually a lot harder than I thought it was going to be," said Edwards, "trying to pull together all of the moving parts." His group had to communicate with Buildings & Grounds, Thompson Hospital-ity, Event Staff, Blake A, the Wellness Center & Wellness Advocates, and arrange catering from Bojangle's.

All in all, the Rhetoric students were challenged to address problems in their community with practical solutions, and came up with some really great ideas. We'll see what next semester's class comes up with.

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The Effectiveness of Drone Strikes in Asymmetric Warfare

Stewart Lawrence '17
Staff Writer

As Iraqi forces prepare for a large-scale operation to retake the city of Mosul from ISIL, America's military support in the region continues to grow. The use of unmanned aerial vehicles, or drones, to strike precise targets on the battlefield has become a major facet of U.S. involvement in the Middle East. Such expansive use of Drones as offensive weapons has raised both legal and strategic questions as to their viability.

In recent years, the Obama administration has sighted the Authorization for the Use of Military Force (Public Law 107-40) bill, which provided legal justification for military action against the actors in, and supports of, the September 11th attacks. While this joint resolution was clearly applicable in the U.S. invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan directly following 9/11, the use of such a law against new terrorist organizations like ISIL brings into question the legal support of drone strikes. The current administration has also cited Article 51 of the United Nations Charter in justifying the strikes, which provides for the self-defense of member nations against armed attacks against them. Again, such legal justification seems questionable as U.S. action is based on both past attacks and the anticipation of future attacks. In order for the United States to continually use drones to attack enemy combatants in foreign territories, new laws

must be vetted through the legislative process and passed by Congress. Otherwise, U.S. military action abroad could continue to be distanced from up-to-date legislation and the benefits accompanied by such legislation.

Drone strikes also raise questions regarding strategic viability as well. In a publication for the Army War College, James Walsh said, "Drone strikes are likely to incite more co-operation among, and violence by, more fragmented insurgencies, such as those operating in Pakistan." Essentially, the use of drones at best does little-to-nothing in terms of actually effecting the overall U.S. strategy of counterterrorism in the region. At worst, drone strikes force previously isolated terrorist cells to coordinate and expand attacks outside of their traditional areas of operations. Drones have been successful in taking out a number of high-ranking Al Qaeda, ISIS, and Boko Haram leaders, though this limited involvement in international affairs is ineffective in ultimately solving the issue at play.

In order to confront the issue of radical Islam, the United States should at the very least recognize that over reliance on drones and limited involvement of Special Forces units are not enough. Drones offer political convenience of avoiding costly wars that may syphon public support away from more popular issues domestically, though the national security of the United States cannot be sacrificed from political points. I cannot definitively say what the end-all be-all solution for tensions in the Middle East is, if there is one, though a semi-involved approach has raised both legal questions and issues as to the strategic success of the U.S. in the region.

Taylor Talk: 7 Steps for a Successful (Summer) Career

Taylor Ancil '16 & Josh Taylor '16
Staff Writers

Gentlemen, we are in the last week! If you have not started already, it would behoove you to consider pursuing gainful employment for the summer. In this final issue of Taylor Talk (still, to our displeasure, not associated with VH1) you will find a compendium of advice on how to land and keep that next job.

In the interview #1: Show creativity and value for diversity. When dressing for the interview, pair a plaid shirt with a paisley tie and striped jacket for a look that says you are an open-minded font of creative energy.

#2: Be confident and assertive. Shake hands firmly. Man-spread across any available surface. If asked how you are, cut off your interviewer with "no, how are you doing?"

#3: Hold back - they are not interested in your whole life story or even that one about your aunt. Turn the tables on them, answering every question with a question. For instance: "How are you qualified for this position?" "How would you define 'qualified'?"

#4: Work it. Prove job skills in the interview. For an office internship, bring a coffee maker and demonstrate your technique. For a position as a cross-town courier, opt for tight Chubbies to showcase those gains. For a job at the beach or local pool, lock eyes with anyone who so much as looks at a glass of water.

A special pointer on resumes: be thorough but not stodgy. Mention all awards (including your exemplary placement in that 3rd-grade spelling bee), but keep it real with Comic Sans. Once you have implemented these hot

tips and landed the job, be sure you can keep it by using the next three tips.

#5: Be friendly! Greet everyone each morning, and do not be afraid to get playful. A good slap on the bottom or punch to the shoulder will serve as a good substitute for years of friendship. Do not leave the boss out.

#6: Job security. Make yourself invaluable to the organization. Obviously the best course of action here is to, well, "endear" yourself to the boss's family - just be ready to commit.

#7: Leave them wanting more. You will not get re-hired if there is nothing to do. Show that you understand professional workflow by leaving at least one major project unfinished by

the end of the summer for completion next year. If they remind you of a deadline, chuckle and wink conspiratorially.

In conclusion, Taylor and I would like to thank the editor of the Tiger for inclusion into this rag. We would also like to thank our broad and faithful readership for providing us with inspiration, if not specific questions. If, in the course of the last year, we have failed to address a certain concern - drop it. It obviously was not worth our time, and should not consume yours. Thanks for four good years, H-SC.

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HBX CORE Gives H-SC Students Unique Opportunity to Master Business Fundamentals

On August 7, 2015, Hampden-Sydney College signed an agreement with HBX, Harvard Business School's digital learning initiative. The agreement reserves seats and facilitates financial aid up to \$1,500 for Hampden-Sydney students in HBX CORE. Three H-SC alumni—Aaron Gilani '15, Hunter Brown '14, and Davis Yake '08—have completed the three-course program.

Regarding his experience, Yake said that "the HBX program is an excellent tool for anyone looking to prepare themselves for business school or simply looking to gain an understanding of business fundamentals before entering any workplace."

Attached is a recent press release from HBX with new information about the program.

April 11, 2016—BOSTON—As spring break ends and summer ap-

proaches, there is always talk of summer learning loss, but not so much when speaking of college-aged students, or those in or entering graduate school. While those individuals might not be as prone to losing knowledge acquired throughout the year as compared to younger children, summer represents a time for opportunistic learning — to get a head start on the school year and to broaden skill sets in various subjects.

HBX CORE, a three-course online business fundamentals program powered by the faculty of Harvard Business School, is an effective way for students of all majors to master essential business principles (in just eight or 10 weeks) before fall classes begin. HBX CORE gives students the skills and confidence they need to be successful in the business world, regardless of their field of study or

future career path. Upon successful completion of the program, students receive a Credential of Readiness from HBX and Harvard Business School — a clear resume-builder and opportunity to get ahead of the curve.

Peter LaBerge, an English major with a concentration in creative writing and a minor in consumer psychology through the University of Pennsylvania's College of Arts & Sciences and Wharton School of Business, enrolled in CORE after his spring semester to build his business acumen.

"As the end of my freshman year of college drew near, I realized I was at a pivotal point in my academic career: I could either continue to rely on entrepreneurial instinct — which, honestly, had served me fairly well through my founding and developing The Adroit Journal to that point — or I could commit to establishing

a strong understanding of economic principle, financial accounting and business analytics," LaBerge said. "During my summer as an HBX student, I realized that instinct is only one piece of the puzzle. I realized that it is important — no, essential — to understand how to not only process and analyze the proper metrics to make effective decisions, but also communicate and defend these findings to stakeholders and colleagues."

Unlike other online programs, the unique HBX learning model effectively marries Harvard Business School's renowned case study method approach to teaching with an interactive, online, community-based curriculum in a way that provides an opportunity for individuals to learn business fundamentals and directly apply their learnings to their respective careers. This means that students

can work their summer jobs or at their internships during the day and have the flexibility to participate in HBX CORE in their free time. CORE provides the essential elements individuals need to know to get started in their respective careers — whether it be at a big company, a small start-up, or a nonprofit — and is bundled into three distinct courses: Business Analytics, Economics for Managers and Financial Accounting. There are 10 program starts throughout the year — and two offered this summer.

Participants in HBX CORE will join a supportive global network of HBX learners who are regularly called upon to engage within the course platform through online discussions, shared insights, peer feedback and private Facebook groups. The ability to learn from, and network with, a cohort of committed learners from around the globe is something students won't find in other online programs.

Applications are now available online through May 15 for June's 10-week cohort and through June 13 for July's 8-week session. For more information on how to apply to CORE, visit HBX online.

A "Thank You" from Ben Bardill '16

Ben Bardill '16
Former Secretary-Treasurer

Here it is. The final moments of the Class of '16's time on the Hill. As we wrap up the year and find ourselves on the job trail, beginning our transition into grad school, or pursuing other endeavors after graduation, it seems appropriate to give a strong, resounding "thank you" to all of those who have shaped and molded our time here, and those who have directly and indirectly helped us succeed in whatever path we took.

Thank you to all of those who work behind the scenes to keep our College moving. Without the work of the Commons staff or B&G, the

College as we know it would not be able to function. It's no secret that we sometimes complain about B&G or the Commons, but truth be told, we couldn't do it without you all.

Thank you to all of our professors, who have carried out the most important charge if the College; educating and forming good men and good citizens in and outside of the classroom. I, and I assume many others, can attest to the fact that our academic faculty has at some point caused us to challenge a personal view, helped shape a life changing experience, or pushed us to be better than we were the day before. Once again, thank you for all that you have done for us.

Thank you to the administrative staff, as they are charged with courting each new class of Hampden — Sydney men, the smooth operation of our

College, and assisting in the promotion of our brand beyond the Hill.

Thank you to my friends and my fraternity, as they have played an immeasurable role in my experience here. We can all point towards our friends and fraternity brothers as those who helped us through the hard times, celebrated with us in the good times, and those who were always there to lend a helping hand, a listening ear, and sometimes tough love. Although we are graduating and our lives may take different paths, our friendships will continue to grow, and our brotherhood will become ever stronger.

Thank you to the Founders Lot, the Lagoon, and the Circle for the memories that we will continue to treasure for the rest of our days.

Thank you to all the mothers and fathers. Without you all, none of us

would be here. I know that at times we have worried you, angered you, and maybe even made you lose hope, but I know that the College has delivered on its promise, and after graduation the boy that you dropped off four years ago has emerged as a man.

Thank you to God for a beautiful campus, an incredible experience, and for all of the aforementioned components of what makes this place one of a kind.

Let us also remember those who won't be with us on graduation day. Caleb and Richie, we all love you and we know that on May 8th, you'll be looking down, satisfied. As cliché as it may sound, we mustn't forget that we are a brotherhood, and that the good and the bad has brought us together as one student body, and as one Hampden — Sydney.

About HBX: Founded in 2014, HBX — Harvard Business School's digital learning initiative — is changing the way individuals learn about business. HBX was established to expand the reach of Harvard Business School and to further the school's mission of educating leaders who make a difference in the world. While still in the early days of online learning on a global scale, HBX has a jumpstart with 100 plus years of business education experience and a passionate faculty whose vision has been reimaged for the digital age. Find us online at hbx.hbs.edu.



Local Eats: Walker's Diner

Graves Anthony '16
Food Critic

For my last article with the Tiger, I decided to visit a Farmville establishment that has been in the community since the 1950's. Before I went with my parents, I had never been to Walker's Diner. I had always heard of the delicious burgers and shakes; however, for my venture to Walker's, I had neither. Instead, I had a southwestern chicken wrap. The atmosphere is quite interesting because it seems as if the diner was a kit built building. The diner was renovated by the Food Network show *American Diner Revival* hosted by Ty Pennington. The diner certainly had the feel of a recent renovation because it didn't feel like a greasy spoon should.

The waitstaff was quite friendly and greeted my family and myself with a smile. As soon as we were seated our drink order was immediately taken and fulfilled. As I combed over the menu searching for something to satisfy my appetite, I found what I was looking for in the form of the southwestern chicken wrap with

fries. When they brought me my food I thought it was interesting because it was stuffed with lettuce, tomatoes, chicken, cheese, and special sauce. It was wrapped in a pita shell instead of a flour tortilla. I thought the pita wrap was an interesting choice compared to the traditional choice of a tortilla. The special sauce and the hearty chunks of chicken combined to form a sweet heat that pleased my taste buds as if they were being high-fived by a bottle of tabasco and a spoonful of honey. The fries were blanketed in seasoning salt and spices. They were a good pairing with the wrap.

The atmosphere was pleasant for a diner. I enjoyed the cleanliness of the counter, floors, and stools. I enjoyed the overall experience which overcame the food. The wrap was good; however, I would advise anyone reading this to stick to the burgers and shakes. I liked that the menu had a variety of things ranging from the specials of fish to kettle corn dogs. For my last review of my career I am glad that I chose to eat at Walker's Diner. I give them 4 of 5 stars for the overall atmosphere, food, and staff.



Walker's Diner on N Main Street. Photo Credit: H-SC Photography Club

Charismo Hackensaw Boys

★★★★☆

Picture this: some old tin cans, a couple of drum brushes, a washboard, and an enthusiastic spirit. That might describe a scene out of *American Pickers*, but it actually describes a charismo, a musical instrument. The charismo—created by former member Justin Neuhardt—is the inspiration behind the latest album from Charlottesville's own Hackensaw Boys. The Appalachian-bluegrass rock group released its latest album on April 15th, and it is a stellar piece of work. Most of the songs have been around for at least a year, but the Hackensaw Boys finally recorded them in the past few months, and behold, the songs are here for our listening pleasure. The group is known for channeling the spirit of Appalachian music, and throwing an energetic twist on the style.

In this latest album, the band has grouped eleven songs that deliver the incredible energy that is associated with mountain music. Lead singer David Sickmen's voice is near the edge of crackling and unattractive, but he still manages to sing clearly, bucking the hillbilly stereotypes like there is no tomorrow. His voice is raspy and it still reminds you that you are listening to an authentic Appalachian band.

The track that ought to get more

attention is "Wolves Howling," a tune that induces instant dancing. The fiddle and banjo are featured prominently, and they work well enough that the mid-song breakdown will send chills down your spine.

These Lynchburg rockers continue to deliver impressive music, and *Charismo* is a prime example of their talent. Along with "Wolves Howling," the album includes slower songs like "Happy For Us in the Down" and "The Sweet." These two songs serve as proverbial ballads, especially "The Sweet,"

which chronicles the narrator's longing for peace and comfort while he travels.

Of course, the album is filled with positive songs that induce clapping and dancing, all of which play a crucial part in enjoying a nice summer playlist. Be sure to pick up *Charismo* and you might discover that the Hackensaw Boys aren't that bad. Nonetheless, *Charismo* certainly belongs on a summer playlist and deserves radio airplay.

—Spencer Connell '17



Deadpool

★★★★☆

I've been meaning to write a review on this movie, but honestly I had forgotten all about it. With the release of *Deadpool* the comic book character now has his own film. *Deadpool* is unlike other superheroes. In fact, he isn't really considered to be a superhero at all. He's an anti-hero; one who is especially unique. He is an expert marksman, and swordsman with super strength, and healing abilities. The film tells the story of Deadpool's

origin. He was a man named Wade Wilson who was subjected to a series of violent experiments that resulted in the disfigurement of his face, and in the process gave him super human abilities. The film does a good job of portraying the character of *Deadpool*. Ryan Reynolds gives an entertaining performance, making jokes left and right, and frequently breaking the fourth wall; something that *Deadpool* is well known for. As to be expected, the film is very funny. I found myself laughing on numerous occasions as the witty remarks *Deadpool* makes to the other characters. In addition, the action of the film is great too, and

even includes other characters from the Marvel universe like Colossus.

The film has been criticized for being too formulaic in its material. I agree with this statement. Much of the film is spent on how Wade Wilson becomes *Deadpool*, and how he seeks revenge on the man who disfigured him. I felt there could have been more room for something else; a subplot maybe, nothing big, but something else to give the film more flavor. Nonetheless, it's an enjoyable film, and a faithful adaptation of the comic book character.

—Drew Dickerson '17

Boykin Continued

Demas Boudreaux, co-creator of the letter, says that he created the letter because he felt that “enough is enough.” “This is not about liberal versus conservative, and it’s not about people’s views,” he says. Boudreaux acknowledges that he isn’t intending to shut down debate with the letter, but to go on record—as a group—and say that Boykin’s statements don’t represent Hampden-Sydney’s values. “We don’t need somebody who spews hatred,” Boudreaux firmly stated. He marked Gen. Boykin’s statements as “non-discursive” and not representative of the rhetorical ideology that Hampden-Sydney believes in. When asked why he feels that the College should dissociate from Gen. Boykin, especially when Gen. Boykin was not representing the college during conference, Boudreaux retorted that Gen. Boykin is never not representing the college. “He carries the banner of Hampden-

Sydney College” Boudreaux stated. He emphasized that Gen. Boykin’s statements were not to promote any sort of argument, but to advocate for a superior ideology and to promote violence, which Boudreaux says that Hampden-Sydney is not representative of. “It’s like hiring a segregationist in 1970” he said. “The decision has been made; why are you fighting it?”

When questioned about his statements at the conference, Gen. Boykin explained that his statements were intended as a joke. He says the statement was directed at the intended, private audience at the conference who understood his remarks to be a joke. “Any man that goes in my granddaughter’s bathroom, I will be greatly upset about it,” Gen. Boykin stated. When asked if his statements condoned violence, he said that he does not advocate violence towards anybody, before restating that that he

does not want any man going into his granddaughter’s bathroom. He cited a story that appeared in the news on April 21, 2016, where a man in Lancaster, Pennsylvania was arrested and charged after a ten-year-old girl caught him watching her in the bathroom. “I will make those type of people get what they deserve,” Gen. Boykin said. When I mentioned the letter and said that many people felt that the College should dissociate itself from him, Gen. Boykin said, “Well I served this country for thirty-six years for people to have that right to feel that way,” adding “I think that everybody has become extremely hypersensitive, mostly due to political correctness.” He restated that his remarks were a joke, and that his audience knew it was humorous. Gen. Boykin told the *Tiger* that the letter was “inaccurate” and “demonstrative” because it states “General Boykin’s open rejection of homosexuality as being inconsistent with his interpretation of Christianity has drawn the ire of many Hampden-Sydney alumni and faculty for several years.” “I have always been very sen-

sitive about not talking about homosexuality” Gen. Boykin remarked. “I don’t care who sleeps with who.”

Gen. Boykin has a history of making controversial comments, and he has been very opposed to allowing openly homosexual individuals in the military. On April 1, 2014 Boykin was recorded on the *Washington Watch* saying that America is experiencing an “absolute destruction of our military readiness and our military morale because the leadership in our military has not been willing to stand up to the President,” all in reference issues like the 2010 repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”—the policy that banned openly gay, lesbian, or bisexual persons from military service. He was also recorded saying that military leaders should have resigned in protest to the ban on gay service members being lifted. Regarding the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” repeal, Gen. Boykin has been quoted that homosexuals have corrupted the military, saying “The military has been the anchor of our society. It has maintained a very strict standard in terms of morality, ethics, and pro-

fessional conduct, and now that has all been destroyed by a single vote in our Senate as well as the House.” Gen. Boykin is also the executive vice president for the Family Research Council, a Christian organization with anti-LGBT values. The Family Research Council states on their web page that they believe that homosexuality is “unnatural” and “homosexual conduct is harmful to the persons who engage in it and society at large.”

When questioned about these statements and his high ranking involvement in the Family Research Council, Gen. Boykin stated that during his speech at the conference, he “never mentioned the term homosexuality.” When asked if he felt that his public statements, and his involvement in the Family Research Council showed an open rejection of homosexuality, Gen. Boykin cut the question off, declaring, “All I’m going to say is that I don’t care who they have sex with. That is between them and their god.”

There has been no word yet as to what further actions may be taken in response to the letter.

Make Hampden-Sydney Great Again: Part III

Logan Leathers '17
Staff Writers

I want all of you reading this to think back and remember what you did the last time you heard something you disagreed with. Did you ask to hear more about the other side? Did you provide a cogent argument about why they said what they said? Or did you get mad and buy a trampoline because you like to jump to conclusions? If you did one of the first two options, you can skip this article if you like; if you did the third keep reading. You gon’ learn today.

Hampden-Sydney is a gentleman’s finishing school. That means we should be two things at the very least. We should be students and we should be gentleman. Let us first talk about school. The entire point of an educa-

tion is to grow as both an intellectual and as a person. If you only ever hear an opinion that you agree with you have merely confirmed that you haven’t learned a damn thing. At most PC-inclined schools across the country that means you’d have to put up with the more conservative opinions, but here we are different. Progressive or liberal opinions are very much the minority and you know what? We have to hear them too. Anyone who knows me understands that I am pretty libertarian. I always say, “Believe whatever you want, but I don’t have to agree.” Now some of you may complain, “Well what about when other professors call for resignations or firings, blah blah blah whine!” That liberal professor has just as much a right to say what he or she believes as the conservative professor. The point of college is to hear both sides and learn why you agree with one or the other. Grow up and get used to hearing stuff you don’t like. People who complain

about unpopular liberal opinions here are the exact same people whining about blue haired Bernie supporters censoring conservative opinions at Brown, Oberlin, and American University. You are no better than the people you hate when you do the same thing on an opposite side of the aisle. Also I should clarify, before you attack me for being a PC culture sympathizer, understand that in aggregate I have publicly talked for over 4 hours on why PC culture kills academia and higher education as a whole. A gentleman hears other opinions and engages them in a rational and logically based way. A gentleman uses his calm demeanor and intellectual prowess to talk about an issue in the most charitable way possible. A child uses ad hominem attacks and whines and complains about the other side. Hell, even a man can hear a dissenting opinion and calmly ignore it rather than blow up and make crappy, illogical arguments. Grow up, Hampden-Sydney.

There has been a distinct move towards anti-intellectualism here. We’re a college. We shouldn’t resort to passive aggressive letters calling for resignations or ad hominem attacks on yik yak. We should have open forums where both sides speak their mind. We should have organized protests that express how we feel without resorting to baseless arguments. Might Lt. Gen. Boykin be wrong in what he said? Possibly. Should he be fired? Hell no. We all have a right to our opinion just like the alumni and Professor Prevo have a right to their opinions. Let’s hear all sides, not blindly get enraged.

In short, gentlemen, don’t be a dick. Be a man. Be a gentleman. Listen to all sides of an argument. Read the Communist Manifesto and Road to Serfdom. Don’t attack PC culture, but then turn around and censor liberal opinions here. In four words, don’t be a hypocrite. Strive to be the intellectual that colleges were made for and the gentleman that Smith had in

mind when he founded us in 1775.

In closing I want to just mention a few last things. To whoever pooped on Cushing, you made us look bad in front of a tour group. You don’t belong here. To whoever insists on breaking bottles everywhere, the parents I’ve shown this school to notice. To whoever gets barred out and breaks other house’s stuff on the circle, imagine what your future employer would say. To the guys who call themselves gentlemen but pass out after drinking a bottle of Old Crow covered in their own urine, grow up. Be gentlemen. Have fun, but do it responsibly. We aren’t children, so we should act accordingly.

Thank you for the year gentlemen. Despite my rants I have enjoyed it. If you want to argue with me or you disagree with my opinions, please find me. I have an open door and fridge policy when it comes to fielding complaints. Good luck, be safe, and God bless. Enjoy your summers and I’ll see you on the Hill next fall.



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Lacrosse Rolling as ODAC Tournament Approaches

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Since a three-game losing streak early on in the season, the H-SC lacrosse team has been the model of consistency, winning seven out of eight since the slide. The squad looks to be peaking at the perfect time, with the ODAC Tournament set to get underway next week. H-SC's offense has been particularly explosive of late, having outscored their opponents 42-22 over their last three games. Victories at Guilford and Bridgewater and a thrilling Senior Day win over Lynchburg have the Tigers looking strong as postseason play approaches.

H-SC traveled to Guilford on Wednesday, April 13th, and captured a cagey 11-7 win. The Tigers got off to a quick start, building a 3-0 lead within the first 15 minutes of the game. The Quakers got on the board just 35 seconds into the second quarter, but H-SC responded with two quick goals of their own to go up 5-1.

Guilford regained the momentum, and pulled the game into a 5-5 deadlock at halftime. The teams exchanged goals to make it 6-6 early in the third quarter before the Tigers got going. Just 36 seconds after the tying goal from the Quakers, sophomore Hunter Brown (Charlottesville, VA) scored on an assist from senior Jake Kofert (Huntersville, NC). Kofert provided another goal before the quarter ended, scored by sophomore Chandler Shaheen (Richmond, VA) to put H-SC up 8-6.

The Tigers tacked on two more to take a 10-6 lead midway through the fourth quarter. A Guilford goal with 1:45 remaining closed the deficit to three, but a strike from sophomore Ian Levin (Chapel Hill, NC) at the 1:16 mark sealed the victory for H-SC.

A vital shift for the Tigers was put in by senior Kyle Fraser (Salem, VA), who held 40-point scorer Adam Fiore to one goal on his single shot for the game. Levin led the offense for H-SC with a hat trick and an assist, while Kofert dished out three assists on the day. Sophomore goalkeeper Mitch Renfrow (Charlotte, NC) recorded eight saves.

The Tigers returned home on April 16th, where they delivered a 13-9 win over Lynchburg. The game also served as the team's Senior Day festivities. Kyle Fraser, Hunter Guttendorf, Aaron Hales, Jake Kofert, Thomas Passenant, Paul Ross, Tyler Sullivan, and Kevin Wilhelm were all recognized for their contributions to the team over the course of their H-SC careers.

A tightly contested first quarter ended with the score tied 1-1, with Ian Levin scoring at the 9:32 mark for the Tigers. A push from Lynchburg allowed them to build a 4-2 advantage midway through the second quarter before H-SC responded.

Goals from Shaheen and sophomore Connor Pool (Charlotte, NC) tied the game with 1:35 left in the period. Junior Jared Arntzen (Atlanta, GA) gave the Tigers the lead with a spectacular individual effort, winning a face-off and weaving through the Hornet defense before firing into the top left corner for his first career goal. Each side added another goal late in the half to give H-SC a 6-5 lead at the half.

The Tigers came out flying in the third quarter. Goals from Brown, Shaheen, and two from Kofert put H-SC in a commanding position with a 10-5 lead late in the period. However, a three-goal burst in the final minute of the quarter closed the lead to just two heading into the fourth quarter.

Goals from Shaheen at the 14:20 mark and Kofert at the 11:55 mark pushed the score to 12-8 early in the

fourth. Lynchburg was able to answer back just once with 6:38 remaining before Pool struck again at the 4:43 mark to solidify a four-goal advantage.

Another defensive showcase was put on by the Tigers, as seniors Kyle Fraser, Aaron Hales, and Thomas Passenant shut down Lynchburg All-American Austin Stewart and Aaron Murphy. The pair was held to four goals on a combined 21 shots, and freshman phenom Evan Lombardo failed to record a point for the first time in nine games.

Offensively H-SC was led by Shaheen, who notched his first career hat trick. Jake Kofert also contributed an assist to go along with a hat trick of his own.

The Tigers hit the road again on April 23rd when they traveled to Bridgewater and secured an 18-6 victory. H-SC jumped out to a quick start when Arntzen worked his Lynchburg magic again, winning the opening face-off and scoring his second career goal in just six seconds. Less than a minute later, Brown scored off a pass from Kofert to double the Tigers' advantage.

The Eagles got on the board at the 6:17 mark, but H-SC went on to score 6 of the next 7 goals to extend the lead. The Tigers rolled through the remainder of the game, leading 11-3 at the half and 15-6 after three quarters.

The explosive win provided some gaudy offensive statistics for H-SC. Brown had a career day, racking up four goals and two assists. Ian Levin scored four goals of his own, while Shaheen contributed two goals and two assists.

After knocking off Virginia Wesleyan 16-10 on Wednesday, the Tigers take a conference-leading five-game win streak into the ODAC Tournament. The 3-seed Tigers will play at home against either Guilford or Randolph-Macon on Tuesday May 3rd at Everett Stadium.

Golf Finishes Fourth at ODAC Championship, Agnew Named Rookie of the Year

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On April 19th through April 21st, the Hampden-Sydney Golf Team traveled to Wintergreen, Virginia to compete in the ODAC Championship. The Tigers earned a 4th place finish with several individual performances standing out. Parker Smith led the team, tying for 5th place while shooting 13 over par on the tourna-

ment. Junior Alex Simmons finished in a tie for 12th place with a score of 17 over par. Freshman Jamie Agnew and Aaron Persily also contributed to a solid tournament for the Tigers, as both men tied for 18th place on the tournament. Not to be left out, sophomore Austin Fockler turned in a performance that would earn him a 29th place in the individual competition. As a team, the Tigers only finished one stroke behind Virginia Wesleyan in 3rd and three

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Rugby Seniors Depart Following Decorated Careers

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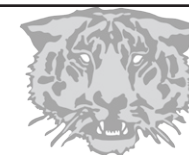
As the spring semester draws to a close, so do the careers of several outstanding student athletes here at Hampden-Sydney. Three who deserve to be recognized for their accomplishments are H-SC Rugby seniors Mike

Bouldin, James Dargan, and Greg Regan. Each of these three has been an instrumental leader and contributor during their time. The trio were the team's leading scorers during the fall 2015 season, with Bouldin scoring 30 points, Regan scoring 23, and Dargan scoring 10. Dargan also served as the forwards captain for the team, and Reagan served as President of the club. Their effort and leadership will surely be missed.



James Dargan tackles a VMI player. Photo Credit: Irene Thornton

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Baseball Returns to ODAC Tournament Following Five-Game Win Streak

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With the end of the semester approaching, the weather continues to improve and Hampden-Sydney Baseball continues its impressive season. In a miraculous turnaround form last season, the Tigers have pushed their way back into the ODAC Tournament thanks to a substantial improvement towards the end to the regular season. The final road trip of the season produced only one loss, and the team finished the regular season with five consecutive wins.

The April 12th matchup against the Methodist Monarchs was cancelled due to inclement weather. The Tigers still pushed through and on April 13th they faced the Lynchburg College Hornets.

It was a pitcher's duel as the offense was quiet for almost the entire game. Freshman pitcher Eric O'Brien (Richmond, VA) had a solid 7-inning performance, allowing only one earned run and striking out four Hornets. He got support from freshman infielder Jacob Fontana (Midlothian, VA), who drove in the tying run, forcing the game into extra innings. Unfortunately, Lynchburg rallied in the 11th inning to claim the game 2-1.

With Lynchburg in the rearview mirror, H-SC focused on the Guilford

College Quakers for a doubleheader on April 16th. Both games belonged to the Tigers as they took home 6-4 and 8-4 victories. In the first game, senior pitcher Reggie Johnson (Dunnsville, VA) went five innings while giving up one run and striking out three batters. The Tiger offense was driven by sophomore Moe Gothe (Chester, VA) and senior Lee Carneal (Charlottesville, VA), who each had 2 RBIs. The second game against the Quakers was identical to the first game, and H-SC took care of business. Senior pitcher Teddy West (Lanexa, VA) endured through eight innings while striking out 5 batters, and fellow senior Matt Hinson (Kinston, NC) pitched the 9th inning, allowing one run on two hits and one strikeout. The H-SC bats

came alive in the 6th inning as the Tigers scored 5 runs enroute to their first ODAC weekend sweep of the season.

On April 19th the Tigers traveled to Ashland to take on the nationally ranked Randolph-Macon Yellow Jackets. It turned out to be a tight game, but H-SC held on to defeat Macon 7-6. Seniors John Lloyd (Glen Allen, VA) and Jack Elliot (Pittsburgh, VA) each homered to boost the Tiger lead as the game wound down. Teddy West picked up the win, while sophomore Zach Perkins (Appomattox, VA) picked up his sixth save of the season.

The Tigers finally returned home to Ty Cobb Ballpark for the regular season finale against the Washington & Lee Generals for a doubleheader on April 23rd. H-SC pulled out the brooms once more as they swept the Generals 2-1 and 7-5. The first game was relatively quiet as the Generals posted the first run in the 3rd inning. Hampden Sydney responded with a run in the 9th, forcing extra innings. Luckily, the Tigers did not stretch out the extras too long as Jacob Fontana recorded a sacrifice fly, driving in the winning run in the 11th. On the mound, Reggie Johnson pitched 9 innings, allowing only one run off of eight hits while striking out seven Generals. Johnson's performance on the mound earned him ODAC Baseball Player of the Week honors. Matt Hinson came on in relief and was credited with the victory. The second game was more lively as both teams had wild bats. H-SC tallied the first 3 runs in the 3rd inning, and they piled on 4 more in the 6th. W&L attempted to answer with a couple of offensive innings of their own, but they were shut down as the Tigers completed another conference sweep to wrap up the 2016 regular season.

Thanks to the stellar five-game winning streak at the end of the season, H-SC managed to get into the ODAC tournament as the 4th seed.

They will face Washington & Lee once more on April 28 under the lights at Lynchburg's City Stadium at 6 PM. The ODAC tournament is double-elimination, and Shenandoah tops the seeding while Macon, Virginia Wesleyan and Bridgewater round out the tournament field. We send our best wishes to the team as they embark on the postseason.

Lastly, a well-deserved shout out goes to the seniors who have had impressive seasons with the team. Josh Blair (Virginia Beach, VA), Lee Carneal, Jack Elliot, Dylan Gonzales (Richmond, VA), Matt Hinson, Reggie Johnson, John Lloyd, and Teddy West all contributed to this turnaround season that has helped the Tigers reach the postseason once more. Looking ahead to next season, the team will still have a strong group of rising players who will aim to keep the winning tradition alive in 2017.

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strokes off of Guilford's 2nd place pace. Washington and Lee won the team completion with a 12 stroke advantage over 2nd place Guilford.

In another strong year for the Hampden-Sydney Golf Team, three Tigers in particular earned All-ODAC recognition. Agnew walked away with top honors for ODAC newcomers, as he was recognized as ODAC Rookie of the Year. Simmons turned in another great year that earned him recognition as a 1st Team All-ODAC performer to follow up his 3rd Team All-ODAC performance last year. Making his first appearance as an All-ODAC performer, Fockler turned in a performance worthy of 3rd Team All-ODAC recognition. After another strong year for the Hampden-Sydney Golf Team, it can be expected that another great year is in the works when the student body returns in the fall.



Sophomore Moe Gothe at the plate against Washington and Lee on Saturday. Photo Credit: H-SC Photography Club